

### Testimony Bill #35

My name is Tom Grossi. I have been blind since birth, and I am now 78 years old. I first received services from The Library for the Blind (LBPH) in high school, then as a student at the University of Connecticut and now as a senior citizen. All the library staff, especially my Reader's Advisor Paula has been kind and helpful in serving my reading needs over the years. LBPH service to me has always been and continues to be prompt and outstanding. All the books and equipment to play the books on are sent to me through the mail at no cost to me. Since the pandemic began in 2020 Paula has increased the number of books sent to me each month. This service has been a true blessing to me as I have been unable to continue my volunteer work and visiting with my family and friends regularly.

For 23 years I was employed by the Board of Education and Services for the Blind, and we referred hundreds of clients each year to the library for their services. Our clients appreciated the excellent service provided by the library staff as they were no longer able to read printed materials. This library service assists blind and print disabled residence throughout CT to remain informed, educated, and active in their communities.

It is my hope that this library service continues just as is, because it's been wonderful for me for approximately 60 years.

Thank you,

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